

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9, 11-22, and 24-31 are currently pending. Claims 2, 17, 30, and 31 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 2-9, 11-22, and 24-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,982,370 to Kamper (hereinafter “the ‘370 patent”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,926,808 to Evans et al. (hereinafter “the ‘808 patent”); and Claims 2, 17, and 30 were objected to “because of the following informalities: Examiner suggests a technological arts like as computer should be added to the claims.”

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview granted Applicants’ representative on June 6, 2005, at which time a proposed amendment to the claims was discussed. At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the amendment would likely overcome the outstanding rejection of the claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to Claims 2, 17, and 30 regarding whether those claims are directed to the technological arts. In this regard, Applicants note that Claim 17 is directed to an information management device, comprising, *inter alia*, a display unit, an identification unit, and a search unit. Further, Claim 30 is directed to an information management device and recites a display unit and means for displaying an image. Further, Claim 2 is directed to a method of managing information comprising, *inter alia*, displaying on a display unit a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2, 17 and 30 are directed devices and methods within the technological arts.

Amended Claim 2 is directed to a method of managing information, comprising:
(1) identifying a word of an image as a keyword; (2) determining a search result corresponding to the keyword; (3) displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result; (4) displaying information corresponding to the search result; and (5) displaying additional information corresponding to a selection of a portion of the displayed information. Claim 2 has been amended to clarify that the pop-up menu is prepared based on a content of the search result. The changes to Claim 2 are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.¹ Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the present after-final amendment to Claim 2 should be entered as it does not raise a new issue requiring further consideration and/or search by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 2 (and dependent Claims 3-9 and 11-16) are rendered moot by the present amendment to Claim 2.

The '370 patent is directed to a search interface including a highlight tool used to identify search terms in an HTML document displayed on a web browser. The '370 patent discloses that upon selection of text, a pop-up menu appears that offers the user the option of searching for the text. See Figures 5c and 5f. Further, as shown in Figure 5h, the '370 patent discloses a system in which an optional pop-up menu is displayed to allow the user to save links to web pages obtained by a search, without requiring the user to visit the web site. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the '370 patent fails to disclose displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result. None of the pop-up menus disclosed by the '370 patent are prepared based on the content of a search result, as recited in amended Claim 2. Rather, the menus shown in Figures 5c, 5f and 5h are "standard," predetermined pop-up menus that are displayed independently of the content of a search result.

¹ See, e.g., Figure 4 and the discussion related thereto in the specification.

The '808 patent is directed to a method and apparatus for displaying portions of text for multiple documents over multiple databases related to a search query. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the '808 patent fails to disclose displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on the content of a search result, as recited in amended Claim 2.

Accordingly, no matter how the teachings of the '370 and '808 patents are combined, the combination does not teach or suggest the step of displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result, as recited in amended Claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 2 (and dependent Claims 3-9 and 11-16) patentably define over any proper combination of the '370 and '808 patents.

Independent Claims 17, 30, and 31 recite limitations analogous to the limitations recited in amended Claim 2. Moreover, Claims 17, 30, and 31 have been amended in a manner analogous to the amendment to Claim 2. Accordingly, for the reasons stated above for the patentability of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 17, 30, and 31 (and all associated dependent claims) are rendered moot by the present amendment to independent Claims 17, 30, and 31.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 2, 17, 30, and 31 patentably define over any proper combination of the '370 and '808 patents.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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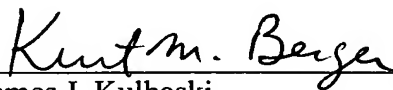
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